

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR THE RELIEF OF
COUNTY HOSPITAL
PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S))**

REQUEST

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment with College Hospital-Cerritos for the provision of two (2) additional acute psychiatric inpatient beds for uninsured individuals as approved by the Board in the Additional Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) Relief Plan dated July 7, 2005.

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment with Anne Sippi Clinic (ASC) Treatment Group for the provision of mental health services to 20 additional persons as described in the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) memorandum to the Board on March 6, 2006, entitled Revision of Additional Plan for the Relief of County hospital PES.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Due to the ongoing need for additional resources to reduce the demand upon the County hospital PES, an additional year of one-time CGF for the revised Additional Plan for the Relief of County hospital PES was included in the DMH's FY 2006-2007 Adopted Budget. These Board actions are needed for those providers whose proposed amendments exceed previously delegated authority. The Department will assess the need for these programs on an ongoing basis. It is anticipated that Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded programs such as Full-Service Partnerships, Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Step-down Facilities, and Enriched Services will reduce the demand on the PES in the future. In addition, the Department intends to seek MHSA funding for those components of the PES Relief Plan that would qualify under MHSA guidelines.

BACKGROUND

Over the past three (3) years, DMH and the Department of Health Services (DHS) have worked collaboratively to develop and implement measures that alleviate overcrowding in the County hospital PES. Board approval of the Additional Plan for the Relief of County hospital PES, dated July 7, 2005, authorized the immediate implementation of

the Plan developed by DMH, DHS and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The plan included the expansion of acute inpatient beds for uninsured individuals, two (2) of which were at College Hospital-Cerritos; increased IMD capacity to meet the immediate need for locked, longer term treatment resources for individuals with mental illness; the establishment of the Psychiatric Outreach Diversion Program (PDP), utilizing participating acute psychiatric inpatient facilities within each geographic area; and the provision for the Director of Mental Health or his designee to make adjustments among the PDP and IMD components to adapt to the changing needs for psychiatric emergency, inpatient, and residential care in Los Angeles County.

College Hospital-Cerritos, located at 10802 College Place, Cerritos, 90703, provides acute inpatient mental health services for children and adults. DMH currently contracts for four (4) beds for uninsured adults identified by law enforcement as needing acute stabilization and mental health treatment. This action will provide an additional two (2) beds for adults.

ASC Treatment Group located at 10012 Norwalk Boulevard, Suite 210, Santa Fe Springs, 90670 serves mentally ill clients, including both Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) mental health conservatees and voluntary clients, who require intensive support to maintain stable community placement and to prepare for more independent community living. DMH implemented the expansion of mental health services at ASC Treatment Group for 20 additional persons who are ready for discharge from IMDs to residences in the community.

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